

## **EXHIBIT 2**

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Helena city, Alabama

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
<b>Total population.....</b>	<b>10,296</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			<b>Total population.....</b>	<b>10,296</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Male.....	4,902	47.6	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	103	1.0
Female.....	5,394	52.4	Mexican.....	58	0.6
Under 5 years.....	1,043	10.1	Puerto Rican.....	8	0.1
5 to 9 years.....	820	8.0	Cuban.....	9	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	735	7.1	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	28	0.3
15 to 19 years.....	541	5.3	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	10,193	99.0
20 to 24 years.....	435	4.2	White alone.....	9,540	92.7
25 to 34 years.....	2,434	23.6	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	1,961	19.0	<b>Total population.....</b>	<b>10,296</b>	<b>100.0</b>
45 to 54 years.....	1,246	12.1	In households.....	10,280	99.8
55 to 59 years.....	349	3.4	Householder.....	3,828	37.2
60 to 64 years.....	202	2.0	Spouse.....	2,687	26.1
65 to 74 years.....	299	2.9	Child.....	3,286	31.9
75 to 84 years.....	187	1.8	Own child under 18 years.....	2,830	27.5
85 years and over.....	44	0.4	Other relatives.....	308	3.0
Median age (years).....	31.4	(X)	Under 18 years.....	112	1.1
18 years and over.....	7,340	71.3	Nonrelatives.....	171	1.7
Male.....	3,448	33.5	Unmarried partner.....	86	0.8
Female.....	3,892	37.8	In group quarters.....	16	0.2
21 years and over.....	7,098	68.9	Institutionalized population.....	16	0.2
62 years and over.....	630	6.1	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	530	5.1	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	208	2.0	<b>Total households.....</b>	<b>3,828</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Female.....	322	3.1	Family households (families).....	3,045	79.5
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	1,662	43.4
One race.....	10,242	99.5	Married-couple family.....	2,687	70.2
White.....	9,601	93.2	With own children under 18 years.....	1,463	38.2
Black or African American.....	515	5.0	Female householder, no husband present.....	283	7.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	21	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	159	4.2
Asian.....	67	0.7	Nonfamily households.....	783	20.5
Asian Indian.....	17	0.2	Householder living alone.....	676	17.7
Chinese.....	21	0.2	Householder 65 years and over.....	116	3.0
Filipino.....	3	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,723	45.0
Japanese.....	3	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	381	10.0
Korean.....	11	0.1	Average household size.....	2.69	(X)
Vietnamese.....	4	-	Average family size.....	3.06	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	8	0.1	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	2	-	<b>Total housing units.....</b>	<b>3,983</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	3,828	96.1
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	155	3.9
Samoan.....	2	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	occasional use.....	3	0.1
Some other race.....	36	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	2.8	(X)
Two or more races.....	54	0.5	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	6.2	(X)
<b>Race alone or in combination with one</b>			<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<b>or more other races:<sup>3</sup></b>			<b>Occupied housing units.....</b>	<b>3,828</b>	<b>100.0</b>
White.....	9,651	93.7	Owner-occupied housing units.....	3,617	94.5
Black or African American.....	529	5.1	Renter-occupied housing units.....	211	5.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	41	0.4	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.69	(X)
Asian.....	81	0.8	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.53	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	5	-			
Some other race.....	43	0.4			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



### **EXHIBIT 3**

# HELENA

P.O. Box 613 • Helena, Alabama 35080 • (205) 663-2161

CHARLES W. PENHALE  
MAYOR

June 16, 2001

Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 – 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of the City of Helena, Alabama, I am writing in support of the proposal of Radio South, Inc., to bring Station WLXY(FM) to Helena. As the oldest city in Shelby County, Alabama, and one of the oldest cities in Alabama, Helena also ranks among the fastest growing cities in the state, having increased from a population of approximately 4,500 in 1990 to almost 10,300 today, according to the 2000 census. Much of this increase has been in young people and families. Recent census data indicate that more than 42 percent of the city's population is between the ages of 25 and 44, and those under 5 account for another 10 percent. In fact, the population of the city is expected to exceed 15,000 early in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In the face of this growth, however, Helena has retained its distinctive community quality, and a new local radio service in the city would both recognize and help to address the unique needs of our growing citizenry.

Helena is proud of its place in Alabama. Although closely situated to a number of other communities in Shelby County, and to the City of Birmingham to the north, Helena has always prized its independence and has worked to maintain a high quality of life for all of our residents by managing our development in a way that allows us to maintain our small town charm yet gives us the resources to provide the services our citizens and businesses need.

For example, the city's police force, consisting of 15 full-time officers, 5 dispatchers, and 11 police cars, maintains one of the lowest crime rates in the state and has been recognized by the Governor for outstanding service to our community. In addition, our previously all volunteer fire department has now grown and modernized into a full-time 24 hour fire and rescue service with 11 paid emergency medical technicians, 10 volunteers, and four fire trucks and rescue vehicles. The city opened a second fire station in August 2000. Helena's modern utility system, operated by the Helena Utility Board, serves more than 4,500 households and businesses with water and sanitary sewer and, in fact, our Water Treatment Plant recently received a national award for operational excellence.

Education, of course, is also a high priority, and Helena's schools, part of the Shelby County School System, are consistently ranked among the top in the state. Helena Elementary School is a particular source of pride for the city; with a staff of 30, and 70 certified faculty members educating over 900 students in grades K through 5, it is the largest elementary school in the nation. Consistent with the city's master goals, a new intermediate school is scheduled to open in August of this year that will serve grades 3 through 5, thereby reducing the burden on Helena Elementary.

Magalie Roman Salas  
June 16, 2001  
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The city also supports many recreational opportunities for our residents. Presently, we have two city parks: one a favorite of baseball and softball enthusiasts, and the other featuring a stocked fishing lake, a walking trail, two playgrounds, picnic pavilions, tennis courts, and a genuine pioneer log cabin.

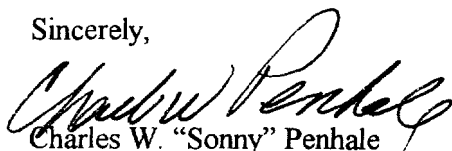
To ensure that our city services and utilities continue to increase in line with our growth, my office, our City Council, and our Planning Commission have adopted specific goals for Helena including: expansion of solid waste service, the addition of two fire stations, two additional parks (including one already under construction that will have ball fields, a press box, concession stand, and a walking track), and a new high school for the city. The city enforces its own zoning, building, and plumbing codes.

The city government also works to ensure that our citizens are kept informed about community developments. In addition, to the coverage the city receives in the local newspaper, the *Shelby County Reporter*, the city also publishes a monthly newsletter, the *Helena City News*, and is developing a web site on the Internet. In addition, the city, along with other neighboring franchising authorities, also shares in a community and government channel provided on the local cable television system. Helena also has its own zip code – 35080 – and its own post office. Indeed, as a consequence of our burgeoning population, we have recently outgrown our existing post office facility and are working on a plan for a new post office.

Helena's rapidly increasing population has also contributed to a marked growth in the commercial sector, attracting high-tech businesses, professional services, and many retail shops and restaurants. Restoration of the "Old Town Helena" area and the construction of the Helena Marketplace have also helped to attract the interest of several top retailers and developers wanting to build medical and professional buildings in the area. This steady commercial growth allows our citizens the opportunity to shop close to home while keeping their tax dollars in the community and, in turn, these tax dollars allow the city to improve police and fire protection as well as the other services it provides.

As its growth testifies, the City of Helena is a thriving, vibrant, self-sustaining community. Its importance in central Alabama will only continue to increase with the passage of time. Helena deserves its own local radio service, and I urge you to give serious consideration to the request to make Helena the community of license for Station WLXY.

Sincerely,



Charles W. "Sonny" Penhale  
Mayor

## **EXHIBIT 4**

# HELENA

# City News

Mid-May 2001

## Meet Helena Intermediate School Principal Wayne Williams

Faculty, students and parents alike are eagerly anticipating the opening of the new Helena Intermediate School, but perhaps no one is more excited than the newly appointed principal, Wayne Williams. Originally from Huntsville, Mr. Williams has twelve years experience in elementary education and administration. Most recently, he was the principal of West Elementary School in Cullman, Alabama.

Wayne received his degree in education from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and his Masters in Elementary Administration from Alabama A&M. This summer, he will complete his EDS degree (Educational Leadership) at U.A.B.

"It's not every day you get to be part of a new school opening," Wayne said. "I feel very fortunate to be here, and everyone has given me a warm welcome. I am very excited about this coming fall, and we plan to work very hard through the summer months to be certain that everything is ready in August for the students. This school will be a great asset to the

## Praise Service, May 19, 4 p.m., Joe Tucker Park

As the result of an "idea from God that simply would not go away," Sarah Hedrick says a community-wide praise service is planned for Helena this month.

Saturday, May 19, at 4:00 p.m., people from all over the city are invited to gather at Joe Tucker Park for the sole purpose of praising God. This will not



Williams and children Craig and Christa Helena community. I look forward to meeting the children and their parents in the coming months."

Wayne and his wife, Kim, have two children, Craig and Christa, who recently enrolled at Helena Elementary. Both got their first glimpse of Helena Elementary when they attended the recent *Spring Fling*. "It wasn't hard to get them to come after that," said Wayne. "They were quite impressed."

We welcome the Williams family to our city and wish our new principal the best of luck at Helena Intermediate School. Mark your calendars for August 13th, the first day of school in the beautiful new facility.

be a "preaching service" but will include the singing of both time-honored hymns and contemporary songs, scripture reading, and prayer.

You are invited to come and bring a lawn chair and join with your brothers and sisters in Christ to honor the Lord!

For more information, please contact Sarah Hedrick (664-3206) or Bob Kuehner (229-2832).



## McDonalds says you'll be ordering quarter pounders by July 4!



Danita Joyner joined her husband, Al, her daughters, city and chamber officials as well as other family and friends in breaking ground for her new McDonald's restaurant on Highway 17 in Helena. Director of Operations, Mike Beacham, says that the new store should be open by mid-June.

After an opening prayer by J.D. Davis, pastor at First Baptist Church of Helena, the Joyners ceremoniously turned over the first shovelful of dirt.

A jar containing \$100 was unearthed and presented to Helena City Council person Connie Brady who accepted the donation on behalf of the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer research.

Connie, a two year cancer survivor, plans to run in the foundation's "Race for the Cure."

A benediction was then

offered by the Rev. Cliff Taylor, retired pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

A reception was hosted indoors (just in time to get out of the rain) where the Joyners served refreshments and showed plans for the new Helena McDonalds, which is to include both an indoor and outdoor play area for children.

A special guest, Ronald McDonald, was also in attendance.

We welcome the Joyners and McDonalds to Helena!

*Pictured below are l-r: Mr. and Mrs. Mike Beacham, the Joyner family, and whoops! We skipped right over the man of the hour, Ronald McDonald himself.*



# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Church of Christ at Helena

2499 Highway 58

John Clark, Evangelist • 620-4575

Sunday School	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 P.M.

## Cornerstone Church

2694 Highway 58 (at Highway 95)

Rev. Tim Trimble • 663-9332

*A diversity of lives united by the Spirit  
Where Christianity is a lifestyle, not a program*

Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.
Wednesday	7:30 P.M.

## Evangel Presbyterian Church, PCA

Highway 95

Rev. Jeff Lowman, Pastor • 664-0889

Morning Worship	8:15 A.M.
(2 Services)	10:30 A.M.
Sunday School	9:30 A.M.
Wed. Night Connection	5:45 A.M.
MDO on Tues & Thur	9 A.M.-2:30 P.M.

## First Baptist Church Helena

5222 Helena Road

Dr. J.D. Davis, Pastor • 663-7879

*A church in the heart of the community; with  
the community on its heart.*

Bible Study	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
Discipleship Training	5:00 P.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.

## Grace Christian Church

5324 Highway 17 (Storage Place Bldg)

Rev. John Autry, Pastor • 621-6231

Sunday Fellowship	9:30 A.M.
Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morn. Worship	11:00 A.M.

## Helena Cumberland Presbyterian

3339 Helena Road

Rev. Tommy Johnson, Pastor • 663-2174

Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
Traditional Worship	11:00 A.M.
Evening Services	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Awaken	7:00 P.M.

## Helena Pentecostal Worship Center

Corner of 2nd Ave. and Branch St.

Rev. Joel Wayne Pate, Pastor • 663-1697  
Home 669-9584

Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Worship	7:00 P.M.

## Helena United Methodist

*Discovering, Celebrating, Nurturing, Sharing  
the Loving and Life-changing Connection  
with God*

2035 County Road 58

Dr. Bobby Green, Pastor • 663-0111

Worship	8:30 A.M.
(2 services)	11:00 A.M.
Sunday School	9:45 A.M.

## Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church

Highway 261

Rev. Lorenzo Taylor, Pastor • 663-5257

Sunday School	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.

## New Bethel A.M.E. Church

Highway 261

Rev. Wilma Merriweather, Pastor • 664-1124

Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.

## New Elam Baptist Church

Cunningham Drive

Rev. Lester, Pastor

Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 P.M.

## Riverside Baptist Church

1919 Highway 52 West

(3 miles from traffic light in Helena)

G. Morrell Aldridge, Pastor • 426-1910

*"Come Experience The Difference."*

Sunday School	9:15 A.M.
Sunday Worship	10:30 A.M.
Sunday Night Family Night	5:00 P.M.
Wed. Night Meal	5:30 P.M.
Wed. Bible Study, Prayer & Praise	6:30 P.M.

## Shiloh Baptist Church

6700 Highway 13

Rev. Ken Black, Pastor • 424-4539

Sunday School	9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 P.M.

## Trinity Church of the Nazarene

Corner of Laurel Woods Dr. & Hwy. 58

Rev. David Shirer, Pastor • 664-4659

Sunday School	9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 P.M.

## The Voice of Faith Ministries

Meeting at Helena Elementary School

Rev. Franklin Kirksey, Pastor • 663-7396

Sunday Worship	10:00 A.M.
Wed. Bible Study	6:30 P.M.

## From the Mayor's Desk...

Congratulations to all our graduating seniors. As you go on to your chosen endeavors, I hope that Helena will always be a special place for you to return to. Good luck to you all.

I am pleased to announce that the city's Emergency Response Plan for disasters has been updated by Chief of Police Mark Hall and Fire Chief Garry Penhale. If you would like to obtain a copy, contact Chief Mark Hall at the police department.

It is now old news to most that the fish kill which occurred recently at Joe Tucker Lake was caused by the termite chemical Dursban. An investigation is now underway by the Department of Agriculture, whose job it is to assign blame. Results will be turned over to the attorney general for any further action. The good news is that the chemical dissipates rapidly in water and leaves no long-lasting effects. Many of the catfish in the lake are still alive. The damage was done because the chemical is highly toxic to bream and bass, and it ravaged the newly stocked populations of both game fish, resulting in the need to restock. I know this will come as a disappointment to many young fishermen who were eagerly awaiting the reopening of fishing in the lake, but little can be done at this point in time. More as the situation unfolds. My thanks to all the city workers whose job it was to clean up all the smelly remains.

On April 25, I traveled to Montgomery along with chamber of commerce officials, other municipal officials and Representative Mike Hill, for an audience with Governor Don Siegelman. We pressed our case for relief from our traffic burdens. State Transportation Chief Mack Roberts was also on hand. It seems Governor Siegelman was familiar with our plight, having been caught himself in the rush hour traffic along I-65 between Pelham and Alabaster, causing him to miss a scheduled meeting in Montgomery with Mr. Roberts. I brought to his attention that, with a rate of growth of 163 percent since the last census, we are the fastest growing city in the state. We left after being assured that the governor would look into the matter and do all he could to help. We will see.

For those who have moved here since our last public meeting with county and state transportation officials in February, we are working daily on traffic relief and doing all that is humanly possible to bring this about.

We have also been talking with the railroads to try and get some work done on the train crossings in our city, however, the bureaucracy in the railroads is so massive that it is impossible to ascertain whether we have gotten to the right people yet. Rest assured, however, that your city officials will work tirelessly on this matter.

Our sympathies go out to the family and friends of Brent Bass, the 15-year-old that was killed in a tragic accident on Highway 261. The accident occurred just after school let out for a long three day weekend. The whole city was rocked by the loss of life of one so young. Our prayers are with you all.

My compliments to Kim Hamilton and everyone who played a part in making the Spring Fling at Helena Elementary such a success. Many are saying that this was the best ever, and the weather cooperated nicely. Best wishes to all our retiring teachers and staff at Helena Elementary. Principal Linda Willson will also be retiring this year. A reception was held for them and is pictured elsewhere in this newsletter.

I'd like to welcome Principal Wayne Williams to Helena. Wayne will be taking over at the new Intermediate School this fall.

Four new eating establishments will be opening in the next month: Golden Rule Barbecue, Gus's Hot Dogs, Lucky China Restaurant and McDonalds. Watch for their openings and give them a try.

Thanks to Wayne Hill and his crew for all they do in keeping our streets picked up and clean. Please do your part to stamp out litter.

Last month the Autism Society had a very successful walk, and the antique car show in Old Town was a big success. I'd also like to thank once again the sponsors of the concert featuring Three on a String and the Buck Creek Boys at the Old Town Amphitheater: People's Bank and Trust Co., Mailworks South and The Storage Place.

The issue of curbside recycling has been brought up to us and we have researched the matter. Our conclusion is that at this time, it is not financially feasible for us to institute this program. Other cities our size have tried it and lost considerable amounts of money. However, we will continue with our paper recycling, and check into adding additional bins and also look into adding some bins for aluminum. More on this later.

And last, but certainly not least, I'd like to take a moment to thank all the advertisers who help to pay for this newsletter's production each month. Especially two who have been with us every issue since we started back in 1994: Helena Tire Center and Village Market and Deli. We thank you for your support. And to all of you who enjoy receiving the *Helena City News* each month, be sure and support our advertisers. Let them know you saw their ad, and as always, do your best to shop Helena first. It just makes sense to keep your tax dollars at home working for you.

Yours Truly,

Charles W. "Sonny" Penhale

Contact the Mayor on his direct line at 663-9301, or by email at: penhalecfwp@aol.com.



## City Employee of the Month

### Les Schwelling

With three beautiful parks in our city as well as an amphitheater, there is absolutely no reason to spend another sunny weekend sitting around watching Lifetime movies or contemplating which workout tape to attempt. The weather is great, so why not pack a picnic and take the kids to Joe Tucker for the day. Or you could head to Penhale Park for hot dogs and enjoy a day of America's favorite pastime. The City of Helena is quite proud of its parks, and one gentleman in particular has dedicated his retirement to maintaining the natural beauty within our city. In lieu of our Employee of the Month, we'd like you to meet the man behind the mower. Les Schwelling, who has spent the last three years grooming our public parks to perfection.

After retiring from Pepperidge Farms, Les and his wife, Karen, moved to Old Town in 1997 to be close to their new grandson, Patrick. Les began looking for something to

do to keep him active and he didn't have to look far. "My wife volunteered me for this job after talking with the mayor one day, and I'm glad she did," Les says. "It was just what I was looking for. The parks are my office, so I have a great work environment and I enjoy being outdoors. I just try to make the park pleasant for everyone by keeping it clean, mowed and keeping all the poison oak out." Les says he doesn't deserve any credit — it's a group effort from others at the city, including Wayne Hill, that keeps the area parks looking nice.

Les does much more than mow the grass at the city parks, though. He also takes care of the amphitheater, the library, the Old Town Park and caboose, as well as the entrances to several subdivisions. He rakes the lake at Joe Tucker and constantly picks up what others leave behind. "I want the citizens of Helena to take advantage of these beautiful parks," Les adds. "If you come out to the park, all we ask is that you be respon-



sible, and show some consideration for others by pitching in."

Les and Karen have two daughters, Patricia and Janel, and of course, their grandson, Patrick, the sole reason they landed in our city. Les loves to sail and even has a condo in Panama City Beach, although he doesn't get down as often as he would like. "I usually end up cutting all the grass and doing all the yard

work for our community down there as well," he says. "But I enjoy it all. I'd like to see more people come out and put a blanket down and have a picnic. Our parks have a lot to offer."

Hats off to Les Schwelling for helping keep our parks picture perfect. Let's take his advice and enjoy one of life's simple pleasures. It's as easy as a walk in the park.

## Littering Laws to be strictly enforced

We need your help in the fight against littering and illegal dumping! Recent observations by our police officers indicate that littering and illegal dumping is on the rise in our beautiful city. Our police officers will issue citations to anyone they see littering or illegally dumping debris on right of ways or abandoned lots around our City but we need your help. Please notify the Police Department at 663-6499 immediately if you observe anyone littering or dumping debris illegally. Please provide a location of the incident, a vehicle description and tag number and a good physical description of the suspected violator. The more information you give about the violator the better our odds are of making contact with them. Violators are subject to arrest and if convicted could face a \$500 fine.



It is also illegal to keep abandoned or inoperable junk cars or trucks in public view in the City limits. Junk cars are not only unsightly but they may pose a serious safety and health risk to our community. Persons found in violation of this ordinance are subject to a citation and court appearance which could lead to a stiff fine. Please remove any junk or abandoned vehicles immediately to avoid prosecution.

I would also like to remind you that our police officers will be looking for speeding and other traffic violations in our subdivisions. Please drive safely and slow down in our subdivisions where pedestrians are likely to be near the roadway.

Please help us help you keep our City safe and beautiful by reporting violators immediately to the Helena Police Department at 663-6499. Thank you for your support and be safe!

Mark R. Hall  
Chief of Police

## REZONE REQUEST

*by the Helena Planning & Zoning Board  
May 17, 2001 at 7:00 P.M.  
Helena Municipal Building*

Rezone request from R-1 Single Family Residential District to B-1 Neighborhood Business District (NBD) on property located at 5160 Highway 17 next to Oak Mountain Construction and across the street from BP Coosa Mart.



## MEMORIAL DAY

**Monday, May 28, 2001**

**All Municipal Offices  
will be closed.**

HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION:  
Monday's (May 28) regular customers' household garbage will be collected on Tuesday (May 29) along with the usual Tuesday route.



**BAN ON ALL OPEN BURNING IN EFFECT**

**MAY 1ST, 2001 - OCTOBER 1ST, 2001**

**Violators will be subject to fine!**

## Helena Public Library

664-8308

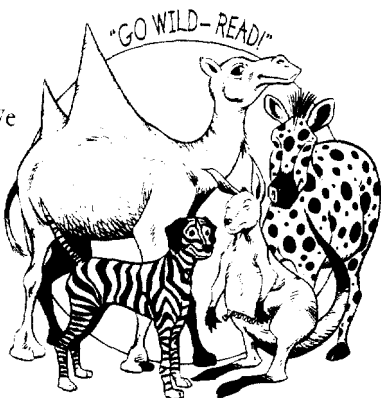
Director Pat Valenti

National Library Week was great fun. All of the programs were well attended. We enjoy these programs, as it gives us a chance to visit one-on-one with everyone and tell them how great the Helena Library and staff are. We can talk about our materials and services and answer questions in a relaxed atmosphere, which makes it easier for everyone. Thanks to all who helped make the week a success.

A special "thank you" to all who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt. We have received many positive comments on this program. The "Friends" work hard on all the programs and we could not have them without their help, the businesses support and the community's involvement.

Thanks!

Are you Ready for Summer Reading?! GO WILD—READ is the theme for the program this year. We are looking forward to another great, fun-filled year of Summer Reading with Helena's children. Ms. Jane will do stories on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Special Events Day will be on Wednesday. Chris Frings kicks off the Summer program on Monday, June 11 at 1:30 P.M. at the library. So make your plans, mark your calendars and be there!



Attention 6th - 8th grade students: The Helena Library is planning a special Summer Reading for these grades this year called Book Adventure with the help of Sylvan Learning Foundation. Come to the Summer Reading Kick-off on June 11 at 1:30 at the library to find out more. There will be prizes for summer reading participants.

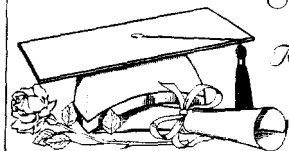
Planning a trip? Drop by the library and take a book or a recorded book along, it will help make your trip more enjoyable.

**LIBRARY HOURS: MONDAY 8:30-8:00, TUESDAY 8:30-6:00, WEDNESDAY 8:30-6:00, THURSDAY 8:30-8:00, FRIDAY 8:30-5:00, SATURDAY 9:00-1:00, CLOSED ON SUNDAY.**



*Hats off to Sandra Campbell of the Utility Department for doing such an extraordinary job of decorating the Helena Municipal Building, inside and out, for every conceivable occasion. Her recent Mother's Day decorations in the Utility Board drive-thru window were absolutely beautiful. Thank you, Sandra, for always going above and beyond the call of duty!*

*Congratulations 2001 Graduates*



*Rejoice! This is the day the Lord has made upon which you'll write your story of success.*



### New Helena branch manager of First National Bank of Shelby County is long-time resident Ed Blackwell

The First National Bank of Shelby County recently announced the arrival of a new branch manager, Ed Blackwell. Ed brings over thirty years experience in banking to Helena and has been employed with the bank for the past two and a half years, working most recently at its Pelham Parkway location. Under his leader-

ship, Mr. Blackwell says he has plans to "revitalize" the Helena branch of the bank.

"We are about to begin remodeling the bank — from the inside to the landscaping," Blackwell said. "There are some changes in store for this branch and I am excited to be a part of it."

If Ed Blackwell looks familiar, it's because he and his wife, Lynda, have been members of the Helena community since 1989.

We congratulate Ed on his new position here and wish him well on his plans for our branch of the First National Bank of Shelby County.

### Healthy Environments for Children Conference

Wednesday, May 22, 2001

Shelby Baptist Medical Center

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



The primary goal of the conference is to provide quality information to minimize the environmental health risks for children in Shelby and surrounding counties. The health topics to be discussed: Lead and Asbestos, Protecting Drinking Water, Radon, Asthma and Allergens, Sun Exposure, Mold and Mildew, and Risks of Passive Smoke Exposure.

The registration fee is \$12 and includes lunch, materials, and CEUs. The conference is for childcare providers, teachers, health care professionals, child advocates and parents.

Conference sponsors include Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Shelby Baptist Medical Center, Childcare Resources, EPA Region 4, and USDA.

If you are interested in attending the conference, please call Angela Treadaway, Shelby County Extension System, 669-6763.

## Business of the Month

### E-Z Tan

**T**is the season to tan and with the summer months approaching, people across our city are standing in line to get a golden glow before heading to the pool next month. At *E-Z Tan*, the phone never stops ringing, and according to owner Sherry Clark, the rush has been on for weeks. Our Business of the Month, *E-Z Tan* is a member of the International Smart Tan Network of Salons which offers customers extended hours, two types of tanning beds, and the latest lotions and potions to help you achieve a beautiful tan safely.

Owners Sherry and Jim Clark vouch that although tanning salons sometimes get a bad rap, controlled indoor tanning with the aid of skilled tanning specialists, is perfectly safe — it's the sunBURN that is most damaging to the skin. Sherry, who worked at *E-Z-Tan* for seven years before purchasing the salon last October, says she encourages her customers to acquire a safe tan by starting slowly and eventually increasing their time of exposure. "We put a cap on the amount of time our customers can tan in our beds, and that assures us that no one gets too much exposure," she said. The salon has six regular beds,

and a larger bed named "Big Bear" which has twice as many bulbs, thus tanning customers in less time, allowing customers to get a tan on their lunch hour, for instance. According to Sherry, the "Big Bear" is the Mercedes of tanning beds.

Sherry takes pride in owning the salon, and this former housekeeper maintains a spotless environment throughout the tanning rooms. Sherry's friendly personality no doubt appeals to her customers as well. The phone rings every five minutes during the season and is answered with a "Sure, I'll fit you in," or an "OK, sweetie, I've got you down." She stays open as late as 11:00 at night four days a week to allow her customers a convenient opportunity to tan. Sherry welcomes walk-ins, however, during the busy season she suggests you make an appointment to be certain you get in promptly. Packages start as low as

\$28, and Sherry does a good job of keeping track of every minute her beds are in use so she knows when it's time to change bulbs. *E-Z Tan* always keeps fresh bulbs in each bed. She stocks the latest lotions available from companies such as Australian Gold, Aloha Tan, Emerald Bay, and California Tan to name just a few. She will gladly help you find one to boost your tanning efficiency no matter what your skin type.

Sherry and her husband, Jim, have been members of the Helena community for more than 19 years, and Sherry says they love it here. "I don't even like driving to Pelham anymore," she says. "I can get everything I need right here at home." The couple have two daughters who will soon be graduating: Rachel from Auburn

University, and Tanya from Virginia College. In the meantime, the family cat, Madison, and dog, Red, keep the couple company while the girls are away.

The Clarks would like to thank their patrons in Helena for their continued support of *E-Z Tan*. And the couple says they are also proud of their recent membership in the Helena Business and Professional Association, a group of local business leaders dedicated to making Helena a better place to live, shop, and grow.

If you would like to learn more about indoor tanning, or if you want to schedule an appointment, give Sherry a call at 663-1064. Our thanks to *E-Z Tan* and its staff for making it so easy for us to achieve a healthy glow!



### Wild Beast Feast & Fish Fry

May 19, 6:00 p.m.

### Riverside Baptist Church

**A** Wild Beast Feast and Fish Fry will be held Saturday evening, May 19, 6:00 p.m., at Riverside Baptist Church, located on Highway 52 East. Advanced tickets are being sold by Riverside Youth, or you may purchase them at the door. Some of Riverside's men are sponsoring the event. There will be deer, quail and turkey of all varieties, as well as fish. The all-you-can-eat meal will include all the trimmings. Tickets are \$10 each for adults and \$5 for age 16 and younger. All proceeds benefit the Riverside Student Choir mission trip to Boston.



*There are only two ways to live your life*

*One is as though nothing is a miracle.*

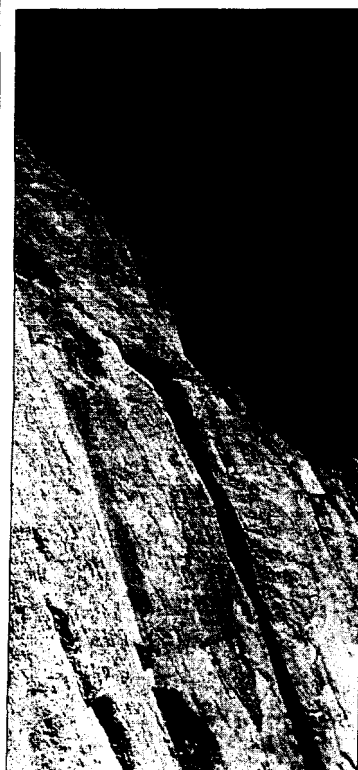
*The other is as though everything is.*

*-Albert Einstein*

### Notice to all Helena parents

**H**elena United Methodist Church, located on County Road 58, would like all parents to be aware of the potential danger in climbing or playing on the hillside adjacent to the church. Although no one has been injured, the church requests your assistance in helping keep our community safe. Please let your children know that climbing or playing on the hillside could result in serious injury or death and is not allowed by the church under any circumstances. The church has posted signs adjacent to the hillside warning of the potential danger. Thank you for your assistance in this matter, and have a great, "safe" summer.

-Trustees of Helena United Methodist  
(Of course, you are always welcome to come inside!)





## Kim Hamilton coordinates one of the best Spring Fling's ever

Helena children are still recovering from the recent *Spring Fling* at Helena Elementary School, and there is no doubt that the volunteers behind the event have earned some much needed rest as well. Both adults and kids alike have proclaimed this year's *fling* one of the best ever with more rides, games and vendors than ever before.

We'd like you to meet the coordinator behind the successful event, Kim Hamilton. Kim headed up a team of devoted parents, teachers and volunteers whose combined efforts raised more than \$15,000 for Helena Elementary School.

Kim first became a member of the PTO last year when her son, Aubrey, entered the school. Soon after, she began organizing the *Spring Fling*, soliciting area businesses for donations and contacting Midway Rides to book their most popular attractions. She decided to book two new moonwalks for the younger children which proved to be a wonderful idea. The Super Slide was also an attraction that received a lot of attention from children and their parents.

"I visited with Mayor Penhale when I first started planning the *Spring Fling*, because I wanted to get the city more involved," Kim explains. "The Mayor was very receptive to helping us this year. He and his wife, Sarah, did a great job with the auction

which proved to be a good fund raiser in itself. There are so many people who had a hand in this event, and I want them all to know how grateful we are."

Kim would also like to thank the co-chairs: Jennifer Richards, Mike and Stephanie Lewis, Jonna Wallace and Julie Hull. A special thanks to James and Valerie Jones who prepared all the food which was donated by Zeigler Meats. Also, with help from the Explorers, the traffic and designated parking areas were more organized this year.

Kim, and her husband Bruce, have two sons: Aubrey, who is seven, and Hunter, who is four. According to Kim, she has already started working on next year's *Spring Fling*. "This fall we will have two PTO boards — one for HES and one for HIS, so we hope to have twice as many people involved."

Hats off to Kim Hamilton for the extra time and effort she put forth in organizing the event. Although our space is limited, below is a list of people and businesses Kim would like to especially thank for their contributions. Kim concludes, "My sincerest thanks to all the others who helped us pull this together this year, and I hope everyone will turn out to see what new and fun events we will feature at next year's event."

The Helena Elementary PTO Board  
K's Glitz and Gifts  
Mrs. Willson and the HES Office Staff  
Bromberg Jewelers  
Cahaba Fence  
Renaissance Day Spa and Salon  
Just Pass N Time  
Bruno's Memorial Classic  
CE Gallery  
Pure Pack Ice  
Alabama Power  
Pizza Planet  
The Peoples Bank  
Pepsi Cola  
Shelby Cleaners  
Elementary student performers  
Hinkle Roofing  
The City of Helena  
Mayor Sonny and Sarah Penhale  
Companion Veterinary Clinic  
Officer/Advisor Mike Jones and the Helena Explorers  
Major Dundee's Mercantile

## FRIENDS OF THE HELENA LIBRARY Miss & Mister Helena Pageant



**Tiny Miss Alexandria Kirby**  
1st Alt. Kaylee Ramey  
2nd Alt. Jenna Goodson



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1st Alt. Zachary Brown



**Petite Miss Hannah Hayes**  
1st Alt. Caitlin Stovall  
2nd Alt. Danielle Sullivan



**Petite Mister Jafe Goodson**



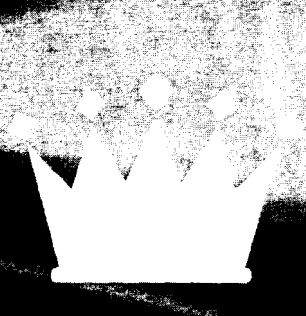
**Little Miss Jessica Mays**  
1st Alt. Alyssa Jackson  
2nd Alt. Erica Carter



**Little Mister Anthony Deleonard**



**Jr. Miss Erin Keyes**  
1st Alt. Shayla King  
2nd Alt. Alicia Sharp



## Ready to spruce up your home this spring? Charles and Kelly at Dunn's Paint and Decorating are ready to assist you!

Charles Dunn recently opened *Dunn's Paint and Decorating* in the new Shoppes of Helena, next to Winn Dixie. Charles grew up in the decorating industry in Jasper, Alabama, where his family owned a business. He brings over 16 years of experience to our city and is familiar with all brands of paint as well as a host of decorating products.

"My wife Kelly, Zachary and I moved to Helena and I really saw a need for this type of business," Charles says. "I always wanted to open my own store, and I hope the community will give me the opportunity to help them with their decorating needs. Most importantly, my products are competitively priced with the larger chain stores, so stop here first and compare the values."

Kelly Dunn provides customers

with in-home consulting, coordinating colors with furnishings and window treatments. She provides this service completely free of charge as long as the materials are purchased from *Dunn's Paint and Decorating*.

Charles stocks a large variety of products that can help you totally redecorate your home, from faux finishing paints and accessories to wallpaper and dust masks, all your supplies can now be found just around the corner. Charles is going to a hardware buying extravaganza in a couple of weeks. Be sure to check out all the bargains slated to be in by the first of June. Call for more details.

Dunn's also offers pressure washer rentals. Call or stop by for information.

Charles, Kelly and Zachary live in the Wyndham community.

*Dunn's Paint and Decorating* is a

proud member of the new *Helena Business and Professional Association* which encourages citizens to shop Helena first. Charles and Kelly can offer customers the type of one-on-one personal

attention from a knowledgeable staff that most larger stores can't. Charles strives to provide friendly customer service and quality products at competitive prices, so be sure to stop in the next time you decide to give

your home a make-over or just a little touch up. Check out his ad in this edition of the *Helena City News* and see how this new business is also helping schoolchildren in our city by giving a portion of sales back to the school.



Kelly, Charles and Zachary Dunn of Dunn's Paint & Decorating

## Karen Ream, president of Greater Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, receives citation award

Karen Ream, president of the Greater Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, was recently presented the *Citation Award for Workforce Development* from the International Association of Personnel Employment Specialists (IAPES). The presentation was made during the Alabama Chapter's Annual Meeting at Point Clear, Alabama. The award is given each year to an individual outside of the organization who has developed workforce initiatives that support the goals and mission of IAPES.



The Chamber's "partnership" with Shelby County Schools includes a workforce specialist and pilot programs that address school to career needs. Ream has also cultivated partnerships with other labor and skill development organizations in the county to create awareness and support among the agencies and their work.

## Yates receives \$20,000 scholarship for graduate studies at the U.A.

Congratulations to Michael Charles Yates who recently graduated Summa cum laude from The University of Alabama with a B.S. in Finance, his major is Quantitative Finance. Michael has maintained a 4.0 GPA all through college. He plans to continue graduate study at The University of Alabama this fall.

On Honors Day last month, Michael received the following awards: Amanda Taylor Watson Outstanding Quantitative Finance Student Award (goes to the top student in Quantitative Finance); Beta Gamma Sigma Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award; and the Economics, Finance and Legal Studies Department Outstanding Graduate Award. Additional honors and awards Yates has received while at the university include:

- The Graduate Council Fellowship for Graduate School at the U.A. for the 2001-2002 academic school year. This is the most competitive and highly regarded award offered by the university. The amount of the award is \$20,514.
- One of 54 U.A. students included in the 2001 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.
- Received the Robert J. Miller Leadership Award from Phi Delta Theta Fraternity Educational Foundation, awarded to top students in the fraternity for academics and leadership. Served as Risk Management Chairman, Philanthropy Chairman and Treasurer for Phi Delta Theta. Played on the chapter's intramural teams and is the all-university intramural wrestling champion for the 150 lb weight class and two-time all-university 400 meter dash champion.
- Served as a Student Government Association Senator
- Member of the following Honor Societies and Fraternities: Jasons, University Honors Program, Omicron Delta Kappa, Golden Key, Cardinal Key, Order of Omega Greek, Blue Key, Mortar Board, Beta Gamma Sigma Business, Phi Eta Sigma, Phi Kappa Phi, Delta Epsilon Iota, Alpha Lambda Delta, Gamma Beta Phi.

Michael, a 1997 graduate of Pelham High School, is the son of Charles and Marsha Yates of Helena.



## Shelby Baptist Medical Center Auxiliary ART SALE

May 22ND - MAY 24TH

7:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Shelby BMC Lobby

Everyone is invited to come and view all the fabulous art.  
Prices range from \$10 to \$150.



## HBPA Person of the Month

CONNIE BAILEY

MOTHER, WIFE, INSURANCE AGENT, HELENA RESIDENT

"I have lived in Helena for about 14 years. I have watched it grow from a small residential town into a community. Community means that you support and buy from people you know and trust. Buying in Helena means the businesses will prosper and I will continue to have a local place to shop. Plus, I want my tax money to remain in Helena instead of going to better Hoover or other cities. This also makes our community stronger. Most importantly, shopping is a fun way to spend the day with my daughters, and the local merchants make it convenient for us to do so."



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Helena Civitan Club President Charlie Brooks presents \$100 Winn Dixie gift certificate to winner — Tracy Jones and family.

## Helena Civitan Club news

The Helena Civitan Club had an eventful month in April. They began meeting on their new night (the second and fourth Tuesday of each month) and experienced an increase in attendance. The Helena Civitan Club is open to all residents and business owners in Helena. The Civitans meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Helena Public Library. The library is closed by then, however, the side entrance by the fire station is open for their meetings. For more information on the club, please log on to their website at [www.helenacivitanclub.com](http://www.helenacivitanclub.com).

In conjunction with Civitan Awareness month, the club set up an information booth and free raffle at the annual Helena Public Library Easter Egg Hunt. Before the festivities began, the club gave each family in attendance a chance to win a \$100 Winn Dixie gift certificate. It was bought from the Helena Elementary script program and Winn Dixie gives a percentage of the amount purchased to the school. Congratulations to Tracy Jones and family on winning the gift certificate.

On Saturday, April 21, Sara Gladden, a first year member of the Civitans, walked six miles at Joe Tucker Park to help raise \$250 for the Autism Society of Alabama at their first annual walk-a-thon. The ASA is located on Second Street in Helena and they are currently in need of a copy machine, if you can help please contact them at 621-0548. For information concerning autism log onto [www.autism-alabama.org](http://www.autism-alabama.org). Sara was also able to attend an eight-hour seminar on child passenger safety and car seat installation. It was held at Lakeside Baptist Church and taught by Julie Cole with the SafeKids Organization. Please look for future updates regarding a car seat safety check sponsored by the Helena Civitan Club and Susan Schein Chevrolet.

On April 24, instead of the regular business meeting, the Civitans hosted a new member recruitment party at the Helena Senior Citizens Center. All members were pleased with the turnout, even in the rain. There were three people who joined the Civitans as a result of that party: Philip and Chris Gannuscio with The Village Market and Deli; Jennifer Richards with Shelby Cleaners. The Civitans know they will be a great asset to the club. Those of you who did not make it to that party are invited to drop in on any meeting to find out more about the club. Here are just a few of the Civitans upcoming events: In May Pelham High School will be chartering a Junior Civitan Club sponsored by the Helena Civitans; In June or July, the Civitans along with Susan Schein Chevrolet will hold a car safety seat check that will be free to the public. For the most current information log on to [www.helenacivitanclub.com](http://www.helenacivitanclub.com) and keep reading the *Helena City News* for upcoming activities.

## Why Did This Happen?

Pat Martin

Helena Dixie Youth League President

At a recent Dixie Youth baseball game, I found myself asking the question, "Why did this happen?" I am a parent of children involved with Dixie Youth and for the past eight years, I have seen several changes, both good and bad. After this game, I recalled an article I read in the January issue of the *Readers Digest*. It was entitled, "Losing It." The day after the game in question, I located the *Readers Digest* and began reading the article again.

It talks about how sports can either build character or take it away. The article also mentions a new species coming into our parks. This species is called, "Parents Vociferous" and is defined as follows: the loud, critical, ill-mannered parent unable to restrain himself/herself. These are parents who believe his or her child is the next Ken Griffey or Mia Hamm, gifted enough to earn a college scholarship or even play professionally. The statistics indicate the chances of a child receiving a college scholarship are very small, but parents sometimes have unreasonable expectations.

Being a concerned parent and experiencing the above-mentioned game-in-question, I looked up the word CHARACTER in my dictionary. It is defined as a distinguishing feature or attribute, the moral or ethical structure of a person or group. How can we have character or show character to our children, if our parents and coaches don't exemplify it themselves? It is not all about winning or losing, but how you play the game. I have been told this all my life. In a game there is a team that will win and a team that will lose. But how that team loses can make them winners. It is all in the hands of the parents and coaches. If the kids see us showing our "you know whats," how does that child learn character? Winning or losing does not build your character, but how you conduct yourself in either case does. Personally, I believe losing builds character. What I observed concerned me enough to write to the *Helena City News*.

We don't know what goes on in the heads of our children. Try to remember (those of you who played sports) how your parents made you feel when you heard them yelling at the umpire because he/she called you out. Or when going up for a game winning lay-up (which was missed) and your dad argues with the referee thinking you were fouled. Last night, looking at some of these young players' faces, some were confused, not knowing what was going on, but I also saw what I believe was shame the children felt at their parent's behavior. Why are we doing this to our children? What examples are we putting into our children's minds?

What happened after this game was an embarrassment to the park and to the meaning of the game. But most of all, this game was an embarrassment to our kids. It was a high intensity game for sure! It was a thriller until the end. But we all must remember that winning a game does not come down to an umpire calling the winning run out at home plate or calling strike three. You must remember the coaching mistakes, the child that swung at a high pitch with bases loaded and striking out, all the walks that put runs on the scoreboard or the catcher who overthrew the third baseman on a player stealing third, causing the run to score. Each game does not come down to an umpire making a call. We must look at the whole game or what I like to call the "STATS."

How we conduct ourselves is a sure bet on how our own children will conduct themselves. Let's start them off on the right foot. Let's not be the next month's article in *Readers Digest*, shaking our heads in disbelief that this "stuff" goes on in our parks. Remember who each one of us are out there for — "OUR CHILDREN."

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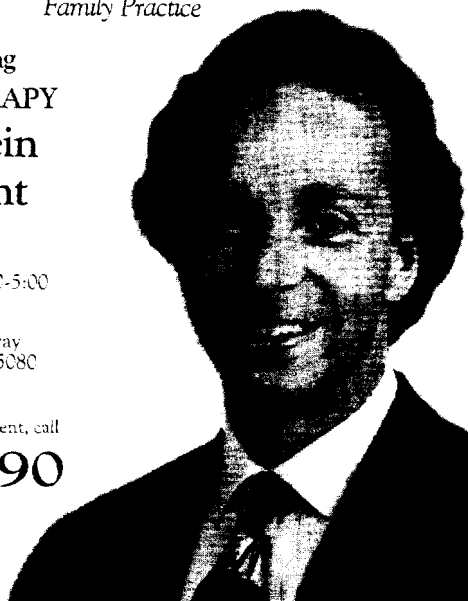
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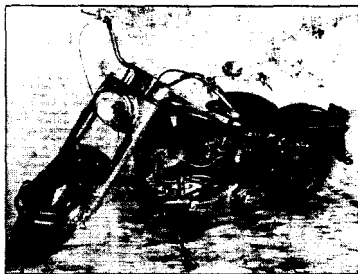
## Around Town...



Girls who are searching for longer locks this summer are in luck! Carol Von Frolio is now offering hair extensions at *Hair'etage Studio* in the Shoppes of Dearing Downs. You can choose from two varieties of extensions, both reasonably priced, and achieve the natural looking length you've been longing for. Give Carol a call at 663-3950, and make an appointment today.

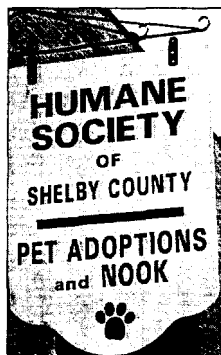
Also this month at *Hair'etage*, Linda Johnson is offering a discount coupon on all chemical services through the month of May. See Linda's ad in this edition of the *Helena City News* and clip it out for some extra savings this month.

Ron Holley of Major Dundee's Mercantile recently set the date for his second Annual *Iron Horse Poker Rally*.



The 120 mile ride and poker game is scheduled for July 22nd, beginning at 10:00 A.M. Last year over 140 motorcycle riders participated in the run raising more than \$1600 for the Helena Police Explorers. Proceeds this year will again benefit the Helena Explorer post, and Ron hopes to have around 300 riders take part in the fun. Mark your calendars for this big event, and give Ron a call if you would like more information at 663-3580.

The Shelby County Humane Society recently opened a weekend adoption branch in Old Town Helena. The *Wet Nose Nook* will offer pet adoptions for \$65, and you can choose from adorable puppies and kittens to a variety of older cats and dogs in all shapes, sizes and colors that are brought in from the main shelter in Columbiana.



Rosemary Chesser, vice president of the board of directors, is currently manning the *Wet Nose Nook* with the help of some other

volunteers on Saturdays from 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. and on Sundays from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. She can be contacted on the weekends at the facility by calling 621-6208. The success of the new adoption center is based solely on donations and volunteers. If you would like to help the Humane Society by becoming a volunteer, please contact them at the Columbiana facility, 669-3916. These animals need a loving home, so let's

support our new local chapter of the Humane Society.

Also newly opened, the *Old Town Emporium* offers customers a large indoor crafters mall featuring items designed by some of our local talent. Owner Sandra Tidmore currently has spaces available for rent, and she offers a beau-

tiful setting in which to display your merchandise for sale. The *Old Town Emporium* is located in the former Indigo Moon building next to *Anna Caitlin*. If you are interested in renting a booth, please contact Sandra at 621-7388.

And this month, we would like to say thanks to several area businesses who are donating a portion of their profits to our area schools. *The*



**DUNN'S  
PAINT & DECORATING**

*Storage Place, Maxcare Carpet and Tile Cleaning and Dunn Paint and Decorating* are among companies in our area who have initiated programs to raise money for our local school-children to have the supplies they will need this fall with proration in effect. Information on these programs can be found in the companies' respective advertisements in the *Helena City News* each month.

Be certain to review all the ads in the newsletter each month and stay abreast of the latest sales and specials our Helena businesses offer. Without their advertisements, your city newsletter would not exist, so be sure to offer a special thank you to the generous business owners who choose to advertise with us when you are shopping with them. And thanks again to those who are helping to keep our schools number one!

## Helena has a new Moms and Tots group

Are you a stay-at-home mom or employed part-time? Would you like to make friends with other moms in your area but don't know where to go? Would you like your children to meet and play with others of the same age? Then come join the *Helena Moms and Tots* group!



The group meets every Wednesday morning at Helena United Methodist Church (room 112) from 10:00 A.M. til 12:00 NOON. There is no cost to participate, but you may wish to bring a snack and a drink for your child(ren).

Moms and Tots is a non-denominational group, started by a couple of moms who thought it would be nice to get together with their kids for a bit of a chat and playtime. The group will be meeting throughout the summer, too. You are invited to join — the group would love to meet you!

All moms (or dads, or grandparents) with infants or tots under age six are welcome to come to this informal "drop in" group. Children have playtime and the chance to participate in music and story time, while moms chat with existing friends and make new ones.

For more information about Moms and Tots, please contact Sue Putley, 664-0965 or Carolyn Jeff, 621-0179.

## Jason Billings receives scholarship to Vanderbilt

Helena's Jason Billings recently received a full scholarship to attend Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. He will be attending the university on a music scholarship. Jason, a percussionist, has participated in the Pelham High Marching Band and Wind Ensemble. He served as the drum-line co-captain and was selected to be a member of the University of Alabama Honor Band, Auburn Honor Band, All-County Band and Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society.

When asked about his future plans Jason said, "I want to work in the music profession, maybe for a company like Sony. When asked what he would miss after leaving Helena to



attend Vanderbilt, he replied, "I will miss all my friends and family, and I will also miss Mrs. Crenshaw who has been a good friend to me.

Jason, a life-long resident of Helena, is the son of Bobby and Virginia Billings.

Congratulations, Jason, we wish you the best at Vanderbilt!

## Easter Bunny visits Friends of the Library Egg Hunt and Sisters Two



## HES Spring Fling 2001 — best ever! raises over \$15,000!



## The hummingbirds are coming!



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## Helena Elementary bids farewell to some outstanding women

A beautiful retirement tea was held recently honoring the service of several outstanding women to Helena Elementary School. Honored at the tea were principal Linda Willson, teachers Jo Liveoak, Cynthia Walker, Murlene Jackson, Hilda Jowers, Bettie Kennedy and lunchroom manager Barbara Lovelady.

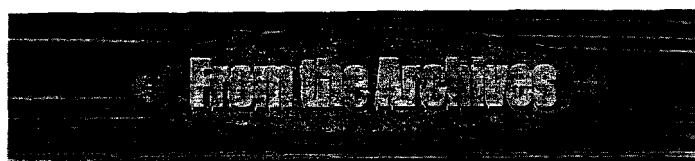
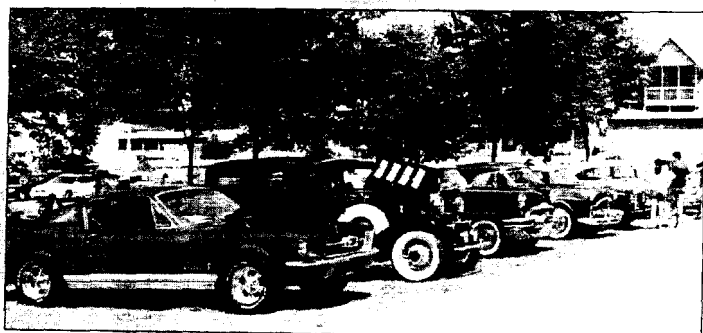
Susan Seng was the emcee of the event, and entertainment included the beautiful singing voices of Sara Chesler and Hollie Tkacik along with the outstanding pianist, Alex Zhushma.



The retirees (l-r): Barbara Lovelady, Linda Willson, Bettie Kennedy, Cynthia Walker, Murlene Jackson, Hilda Jowers, and Jo Liveoak. Entertainers included, below, l-r: Sara Chesler, Alex Zhushma and Hollie Tkacik.



## Singer Marian McKay & an Antique Car Show draw many to Old Town




## Francis Flowers, Helena Taxi

Francis Flowers and two Army Air Corps buddies purchased this car for \$150 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, after WWII to get back to Alabama. Once home, Francis bought out the others' share and operated a taxi service.

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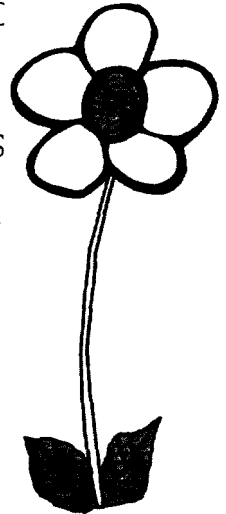
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The Birmingham Ronald McDonald House collects aluminum pop-tabs and sells them to scrap metal recycling centers. Why just the pop-tabs and not the whole can? Pop-tabs are clean and compact. They are also made of a higher quality aluminum than the can, therefore bringing in more money at recycling centers. Many schools support this project - using it as a learning tool to teach math concepts, recycling and environmental lessons, and a spirit of belonging to a larger community of people. Other participants joining in the effort include individuals, churches, synagogues, and businesses. Groups of all ages can save tabs to help the environment and help children in need.

Ronald McDonald House Charities provides comfort and care to children and their families by supporting Ronald McDonald Houses in communities around the world and by making grants to other non-profit organizations whose programs help children in need. McDonald's Corporation is committed to giving something back to the community by supporting RMHC initiatives. For more information, contact the Birmingham Ronald McDonald House at 933-0692 or log on to [www.rmhc.com](http://www.rmhc.com).

## Weldon receives Leadership Scholarship

Lindsay Anne Weldon recently received a Leadership Scholarship from the University of North Alabama in Florence, Alabama. This scholarship is based on scholastic endeavors and the student's involvement in school, community and work experience.

Lindsay auditioned for the University of North Alabama "Pride of



Dixie" Marching Band and was selected to be a Lionette. The Lionettes are a precision dance line. They perform with the band at football games, pep rallies, parades, exhibitions and other activities.

Lindsay was on the Riverchase Middle School and Pelham High dance teams in years past.

Lindsay is the daughter of Jim and Penny Weldon of Helena.

### FUN FACTS

- 1, 267 pop tabs equals 1 pound.
- The pop tab was invented by Ermal Fraze.
- The ring pull can was invented in 1962.

## The XYZ spotlight this month is on...

### Margaret Lovelady

Margaret was born in Helena and has lived here all her life. She was married to the late Lester E. Lovelady Jr. Margaret has four children and nine grandchildren. She has been deemed the "Kitchen Queen" by fellow XYZ members because she loves to cook, and most importantly, she's good at it!

We thought we'd ask her a few questions, just so you could know more about some of the folks that attend XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) functions. The group is open to everyone aged 55 and above.

**Most exciting place you've visited?** I went to the Grand Canyon last summer and it was beautiful. I also enjoyed seeing Niagara Falls.

**Favorite music?** I like songs from the 30s and 40s era.

**Favorite food?** I'll take fresh vegetables any day.

**Favorite movie?** Gone with the wind... I just love Rhet.

**Favorite Actor/Actress?** Clark Gable and Betty Davis.

**If you were 18 again, what would you do differently?** Absolutely nothing. I was married to a wonderful man for 38 years and I have been blessed with a wonderful family. I have enjoyed my life completely.

**What advice would you give young people today?** Stay close to God, and always stay close to your parents, because no one will ever love you and care for you the way they do.



## Xtra Years of Zest group activities

The XYZ's group meets at the Helena Senior Citizens Center every Tuesday afternoon and Friday evening for fun and fellowship.

Game Day every Tuesday, 12-4 P.M.  
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Fun Night every Friday, 6 P.M.  
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## Traci Kopp's artwork featured on book cover

Traci Kopp, 26, of Helena, was recently chosen to have her artwork featured on a Dalmatian Press book. Dalmatian Press is one of the fastest growing children's book publishers of quality coloring, activity and storybooks in America. Kenneth and Rita Kopp are the parents of Traci, one of the thousands who sent the children's publisher a letter and picture. Traci's artwork is on Dalmatian Press' *Fossil Fun Easy Peel Sticker Book to Color* available at leading grocers nationwide.

"It was precious to see the big smile on Traci's face," said the Koppes about Traci's work being chosen. One of Traci's favorite pastimes is coloring pictures of happy faces. Traci works at Mitchell Workshop for the handicapped in Calera.

Traci's artwork was chosen based on its creativity and content and being published by Dalmatian Press is a

great showcase for her talent. "This is a great honor," Traci said about her artwork being chosen for this honor.

The city of Helena is proud of Traci and congratulates her on her outstanding accomplishment.





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## Yard of the Month 6039 Woodvale Road

Mark Pope and his brother, Todd, have swapped items through the years, as brothers sometimes do. But three years ago, Mark purchased a hand-me-down home from his sibling, and ultimately created a landscape that has become the envy of the neighborhood. Our Yard of the Month, 6039 Woodvale Road, has been a labor of love three years in the making. It has even made the homeowner himself question his chosen profession.

"I have enjoyed landscaping this lot so much. I sometimes wish I would have majored in horticulture," the Auburn graduate admits. "I'm usually out here every evening and on the weekends. I just never expected that I would have this much fun putting it all together."

When Mark moved in, there was minimal landscaping, although his brother and father did install a sprinkler system that Mark is now grateful to have. He began by building a large bed around the front of the house



using landscaping bricks, curving it out to the edge of the driveway. He took his mother's advice and began installing carpet roses that now cover the bed completely with pink and white blooms. Three crepe myrtles, perfectly pruned, line the outside of the rose garden. On the opposite side of the yard, another crepe myrtle is stationed in a bed with lorapetalums, coleus, and a variety of colorful petunias.

In the center of the yard, a large

oak tree offers shade to the lantana and a lovely ground cover of purple heart. Several tall shrubs next to the porch offer height to the entranceway while purple fountain grass and pots of petunias welcome visitors to the door.

Mark installed a new fence and stained it with a rich dark stain that proved to be the finishing touch to his landscape, creating a dressed up appearance for the home year round.

Mark is employed as a network

manager for Bessemer Caraway Hospital, a place he enjoys reporting to each day (the fact that the hospital overlooks the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail doesn't hurt anything). He and his co-workers manage to get some golfing in by reporting to work very early in the mornings. Mark also enjoys spending time with his par-

ents, Philip and Linda Pope, as well as his brother Todd, his wife Jan and their two daughters.

As a member of the Woodvale Homeowners Association, Mark also takes care of the entrance to the neighborhood that joins the edge of his property. "This is a wonderful community, and I am fortunate to have some great neighbors," Mark says. "I hope to be here for a long time."

Congratulations Mark!

## Pelham High Tennis Team finishes strong at the Sectional Tournament

Pelham Tennis had an excellent year finishing with a record of 13-6 with two wins over Central Tuscaloosa to place them second in the area during the regular season. Coached by Betty Shivers, Pelham placed four players. Chase Robertson, Tony Austin, Lee Holaday and Patrick Owens in the singles finals with Robertson and Austin winning their matches and taking the singles trophy for No. 3 and No. 4. Pelham had two teams in the doubles finals No. 2 Tony Austin and Patrick Owens and No. 3

Lee Holaday and Eric Fuller.

Coach Shivers expects to have a strong team returning next year with only two senior players this year. Team members were No. 1 Ryan Miller, No. 2 Eric Fuller, No. 3 Chase Robertson, No. 4 Tony Austin, No. 5 Lee Holaday, No. 6 Patrick Owens, No. 7 Spencer Stone and No. 8 Daniel Milton.



Singles winners:  
Chase Robertson and Tony Austin.



PHS Tennis team (l-r) Lee Holaday, Tony Austin, Ryan Miller, Coach Betty Shivers, and Chase Robertson. Not pictured: Eric Fuller, Patrick Owens, Spencer Stone, and Daniel Milton.

## Bethany Coleman and Michelle Benson bring home National titles

Bethany Coleman and Michelle Benson recently represented Pelham High School's Colorguard in Marching Auxiliaries at the Plano, Texas National Competition held in San Antonio, Texas.

Bethany and Michelle won first place in the Colorguard Ensemble division earning the title National Champions Colorguard Ensemble.

Bethany won first place in the Colorguard Solo division earning the



National Colorguard Champs (l-r) Michelle Benson & Bethany Coleman

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Congratulations ladies on your outstanding performance, and thank you for representing Pelham High so well.

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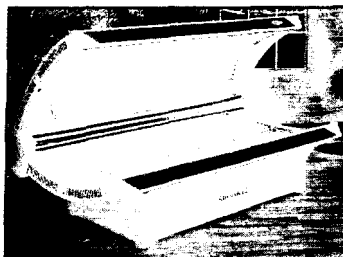
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**A few fourth graders share their thoughts about being the first class to graduate from the new Helena Intermediate School next year...**



*Jordan Stanbridge*



*J. T. Geren*



*Andrew Litman*



*Tyler Phelps*



*Christopher Durfeld*



*Sara Smith*



*Azalea Vo*



*Rebecca Kelly*

**C**urrent fourth graders at Helena Elementary School will be the first class to graduate from the new Intermediate School next year. We asked a few students from Mrs. Linda Boren's class how they felt about being the first to attend the new school, and what they would miss about HES. They are all very excited about attending the new facility, however, when they talked about the things they would miss, they had me reaching for a tissue. For those teachers who thought the kids don't care...this one's for you.

**Jordan Stanbridge** - I'll bet there will be more room with just three grades in the whole school. It will probably have a big play area too. I will miss being on safety patrol at HES and some of my friends. I will miss my mom if she stays at this school (Mom, Karen works in the office at HES). I will also miss my teachers.

**J.T. Geren** - It looks a lot nicer and bigger than this school. I think it will be good for the teachers to teach in a new environment for a change. I will miss knowing my way around, 'cause I know every nook and cranny of this elementary school. It's like starting over, but I can't wait! I will miss seeing some of my old teachers. (I'm sure he means previous teachers).

**Andrew Litman** - It might be exciting to go there and kinda' start over. I hope we get to do real experiments with real sinks that have running water. I will miss my teachers here, who have all been so supportive and nice. I wish I could take

them with me, because it feels like I am losing part of my family. I will also miss seeing my sister, Hannah, who will start kindergarten here in the fall.

**Tyler Phelps** - I think it will be cool going to the new school. I am excited about the new gym, and the new equipment we can play with. I will miss some of my teachers and I will also miss the playground here.

**Christopher Durfeld** - I heard they have a real neat lunchroom and playground. I'm excited about the change. I will miss my teachers, and my sister, Caroline who's in first grade. I won't get to see her as much.

**Sara Smith** - I can't wait to see it! We'll have more room and the gym is supposed to be a lot bigger. I will miss some of my teachers, and I will miss Mrs. Willson.

**Azalea Vo** - I think it will be good for a change. It will prepare us for when we get to go to Riverchase next year. Since it's bigger, I hope it has more books for us to read. I will miss being on safety patrol and I will also miss my teachers. They have been great to me.

**Rebecca Kelly** - It looks like it's really big and neat. We won't have to put up with a bunch of little kids screaming anymore. I will miss my teachers and the office staff who get left behind. I will also miss my friends, like Gage who is in kindergarten.

### **Rainfall totals**

*Courtesy of National Weather Service Meteorologist Brian Peters*

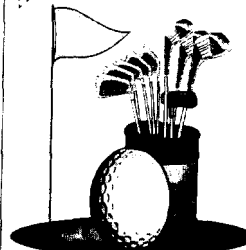
**T**here was 5.72" of rain in Helena during April which is 1.24" below normal for this area. The heaviest amount was 1.96" which fell between 7 AM April 5 and 7 AM April 6. April started out wet but turned dry with only 0.61" of rain the last half of the month.

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- 17TH - Ms. Jane's Pre-School Stories, Helena Public Library, 10 A.M.  
 - Explorers, Helena Police Department, 5 P.M.  
 - Helena Planning & Zoning Commission, Helena Municipal Building, 7 P.M.
- 18TH - XYZ's Fun Night, Helena Senior Citizens Center, 6 P.M.
- 19TH - Free Landfill Day, Columbiana, 7 A.M.-3 P.M.  
 - Community Praise Service (Bring your own chair), Joe Tucker Park, 4 P.M.  
 - Wild Beast Feast & Fish Fry, Riverside Baptist Church, 6 P.M.
- 21ST - Helena City Council, Helena Municipal Building, 7 P.M.
- 22ND - Shelby Baptist Medical Center Art Sale, Lobby, 7 A.M.-5 P.M.  
 - Healthy Environments for Children Conference, SBMC, 8:30 A.M.-3 P.M.  
 - Toddler Time w/ Ms. Jane, Helena Public Library, 11 A.M.  
 - XYZ's Games (bring your lunch), Helena Senior Citizens Center, 12-4 P.M.  
 - Helena Civitans, Helena Public Library, 7 P.M.
- 23RD - Shelby Baptist Medical Center Art Sale, Lobby, 7 A.M.-5 P.M.
- 24TH - Shelby Baptist Medical Center Art Sale, Lobby, 7 A.M.-5 P.M.  
 - Ms. Jane's Pre-School Stories, Helena Public Library, 10 A.M.  
 - Shelby County Schools close at 3 P.M., PHS Graduation  
 - Explorers, Helena Police Department, 5 P.M.
- 25TH - Shelby County Schools, Teacher Workday  
 - XYZ's Fun Night, Helena Senior Citizens Center, 6 P.M.
- 28TH - MEMORIAL DAY (ALL MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED)  
*Garbage will be collected Tues., May 29th along with regular route*
- 29TH - Toddler Time w/ Ms. Jane, Helena Public Library, 11 A.M.  
 - XYZ's Games (bring your lunch), Helena Senior Citizens Center, 12-4 P.M.
- 31ST - Ms. Jane's Pre-School Stories, Helena Public Library, 10 A.M.  
 - Explorers, Helena Police Department, 5 P.M.

## June

- 1ST - XYZ's Fun Night, Helena Senior Citizens Center, 6 P.M.
- 4TH - Helena City Council, Helena Municipal Building, 7 P.M.
- 5TH - Toddler Time w/ Ms. Jane, Helena Public Library, 11 A.M.  
 - XYZ's Games (bring your lunch), Helena Senior Citizens Center, 12-4 P.M.  
 - Masons, Helena Lodge, 7 P.M.
- 6TH - Emergency Warning Siren, 10 A.M.
- 7TH - Ms. Jane's Pre-School Stories, Helena Public Library, 10 A.M.  
 - Shelby County Schools close at 3 P.M., PHS Graduation  
 - Explorers, Helena Police Department, 5 P.M.
- 8TH - XYZ's Fun Night, Helena Senior Citizens Center, 6 P.M.
- 11TH - Go Wild Read! Summer Reading Kick-off w/ Chris Frings, Library, 1:30 P.M.
- 12TH - Helena Civitans, Helena Public Library, 7 P.M.  
 - Toddler Time w/ Ms. Jane, Helena Public Library, 11 A.M.  
 - XYZ's Games (bring your lunch), Helena Senior Citizens Center, 12-4 P.M.
- 14TH - Ms. Jane's Pre-School Stories, Helena Public Library, 10 A.M.  
 - Explorers, Helena Police Department, 5 P.M.
- 17TH - FATHER'S DAY
- 18TH - Helena City Council, Helena Municipal Building, 7 P.M.

## Jeszi Parrish, a multi-talented young lady

Jeszi Parrish, granddaughter of Frances Parrish, has graduated from taking Middle Eastern dance lessons to teaching beginner Middle Eastern dance at UAB. She is a member of the Nur Jahan, a Middle Eastern re-enactment troupe and Zivah Shaphriah, a Middle Eastern modern style dance troupe.

Jeszi, a senior at Shelby Academy, is a multi-talented young lady. In addition to Middle Eastern dance, she also enjoys playing the Scottish bagpipes, writing poetry, and learning Gaelic, French and Spanish languages.



## Old Towne barber raises over \$750 for Explorers

On a recent Saturday, our Old Towne barber, Billy Thompson, was released from jail, but only after he helped raise over \$750 for the Helena Police Explorers. Billy volunteered his services and gave citizens hair cuts from a makeshift jail stationed in Old Town from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. In four short hours, the gracious tips donated from customers as well as passersby accumulated to help the Explorers attend the Gulf Port Police Academy in June where they will be eligible to compete for honors.

Explorer Advisor Michael Jones was delighted with the success of the clip and tip fundraiser. "I want to thank Billy Thompson for his services, and for helping us organize this event," he said. "I would also like to thank Nate's Sugar Shack who donated a part of their proceeds for the afternoon, and most importantly all the citizens who donated to the cause, and who continue to support the Explorer program." Officer Jones also sends thanks to Jerry with State Farm Insurance and Enterprise Rent-A-Car who recently discounted some transportation for their upcoming trip.

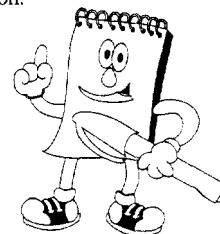
Dear Parents,

School is almost out, but before you know it, it will be starting again. To help ease the burden of all the "back to school" rush and expense, this year the Helena PTO is offering a School Supply Pre-Sale.

Now through May 21 you may fill out the order form below and attach your check and send it to the school. In August when you register your child(ren) at either Helena Elementary or Helena Intermediate, the supplies will already be there. Just come by and pick them up during registration.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of the School Supply Sale coordinators Lisa Freeman at 663-3007, or Glenda Mixon at 663-1378.

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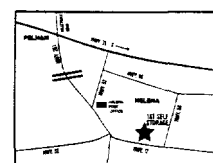


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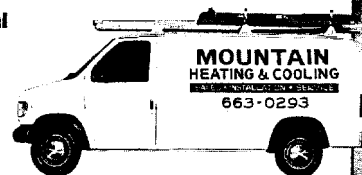
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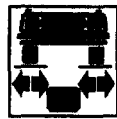
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- May 19 Free Landfill Day in Columbiana, 7 A.M.-3 P.M.
- May 19 Community Praise Service, Joe Tucker Park, 4 P.M.
- May 19 Wild Beast Feast & Fish Fry, Riverside Baptist, 6 P.M.
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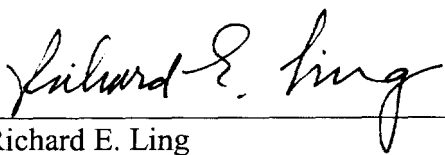
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